Elim Lutheran Church **20th Sunday after Pentecost** **October 11, 2026**

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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Prepare our hearts, O Lord, as we come to your table. Help us remember the sacrifice of Christ, receive your grace with gratitude and live as one body in your love. Amen.

Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ.

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

Choral Introit: *Be Still* – By David J. Evans

Opening Hymn: *ELW 553 - Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Greeting (Setting 1, page 98)

Kyrie (page 98)

Canticle of Praise: *This is the Feast* (page 101)

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Terrance Jordan Buhl-Beck

(ELW – page 227)

Terrance is the son of Lexi Buhl and Matthew Beck. Sponsors for Terrance are Mariah Buhl and Miranda Rennick.

Children's Time

Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Choral Anthem: *I've Just Come from the Fountain* – Arr. by Robret A. Hobby

I've just come from the fountain, I've just come from the fountain Lord, I've just come from the fountain, his name's so sweet.
O brother, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.
O Sister, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.
O sinner, do you love Jesus? Yes, yes, I do love my Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: (page 102)

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Gospel announcement response: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Gospel proclamation response: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *ACS 1032 - Lift Up Your Heads* (see page 4)

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

Petition Response: Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great**.

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response: *ELW 686 - We Give Thee But Thine Own (verse 1)*

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen**.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen**.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen**.

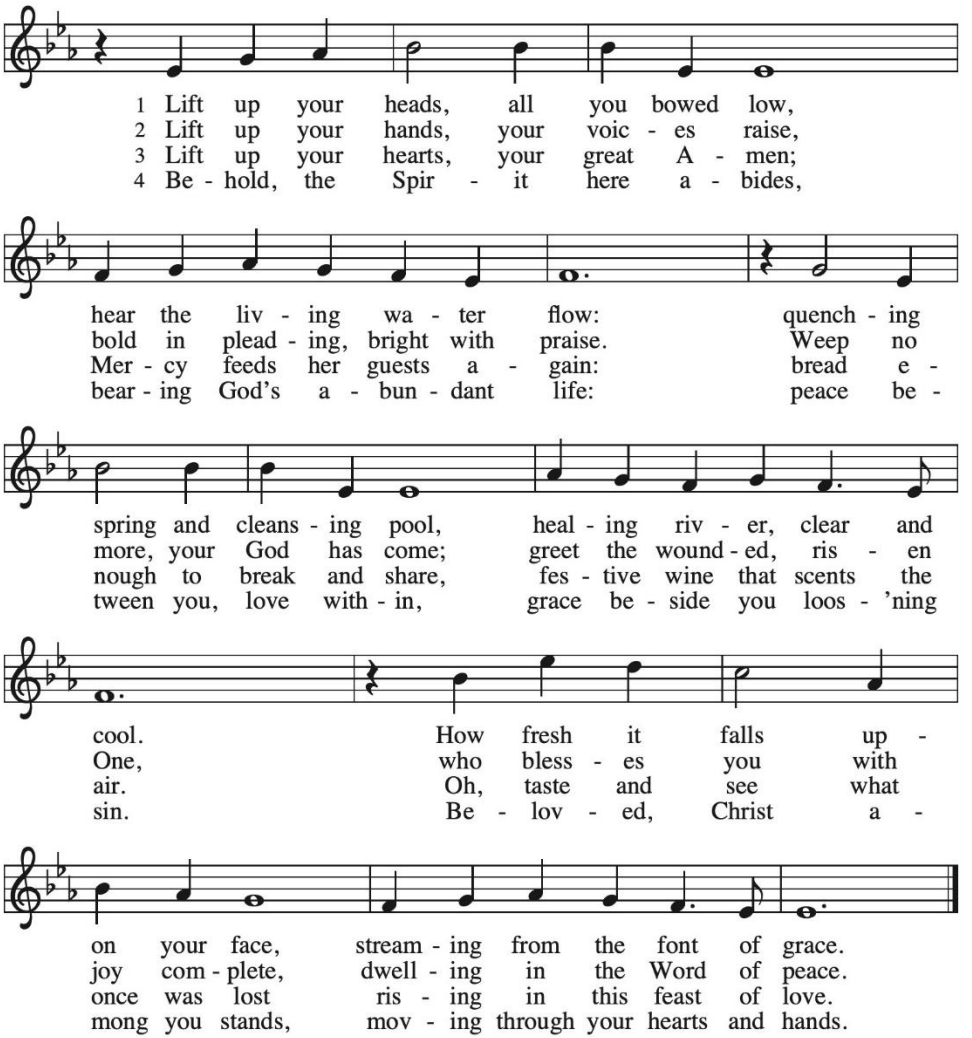
Closing Hymn: *ELW 547 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 service for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

Lift Up Your Heads

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Worship Participants

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Perry
Organist: Brian Voss
Cantor: Brian Broszko
Reader: Sandy Sandager
Choral Anthem: Elim Adult Choir - Brian Voss, Director
Acolytes: Ben Bakke, Silas Stoltzman
Lead Usher: Geno Tuccitto
Youth Ushers: Abby Stoltzman, JoJo Weller
Livestream and Audio Techs: Ben Bakke, Cobain Johnson, Keegan Milligan

Schedule for the Week

Today	10/11	8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (Sunday School Room) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Youth Group/Confirmation (Youth Room) 6:00 p.m. Connections & Crafts (Library)
Mon.	10/12	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Quilting Room) 6:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)
Tue.	10/13	4:00 p.m. NA (Community Room) 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Chapel) 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Community Room)
Wed.	10/14	11:00 a.m. Funeral for Robert Mattheisen w/visitation @ 10:00 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Choir Room) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Choir Room)
Sat.	10/17	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Practice Class (Quilting Room or Patio)
Sun.	10/18	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship (Sanctuary) **No Sunday School** 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) **No Youth Group/Confirmation/Connections & Crafts**

Attendance for October 4

8:00 a.m. – 36 9:30 a.m. – 124 Online Views - 100

Prayers of sympathy and comfort to the family of Robert Mattheisen who passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2026. A funeral service will be held at Elim on Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior. Hebrews 13:14 reminds us: *For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

Cemetery Update

As fall progresses and the temperatures are dropping, the water in the cemeteries will be turned off and drained in mid-October. Now would be a good time to clean up your gravesites for winter. Please remove any potted plants. For those of you who have ceramic pots, we suggest either emptying out the dirt or taking them home. If soil is left in them, they will sometimes crack when the water freezes and expands in the pot. Plastic pots with dead plants should also be removed.

The cemetery committee will be doing a general clean up when we turn the water off, we appreciate your help in cleaning things up. Any plastic pots will be removed and left outside of the shed in the south cemetery.

Also, someone borrowed a large blue tub sitting by the columbarium in the North Cemetery a while back. We would appreciate it's return.

~ Cemetery Committee

Planning for Offering Envelopes

As we start preparing to order envelopes for 2027, we will use the information from last year as our starting point. **You do not need to do anything special unless you want to change whether or not you get envelopes.** If you wish to make a change, contact the office by Friday, October 16. (651-433-2723; office@elimscandia.org).

Reminder: Generic offering envelopes are available in the pews.

Skool

This is what happens when you don't go to school!! It's that time of year for our annual Bega Kwa Bega scholarship drive. Bega Kwa Bega is a component of the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. We at Elim have supported the scholarship program, giving $9,000 per year so that kids can continue their secondary education. Secondary education isn't free in Tanzania. Scholarships run about $600. We are asking for a full or partial scholarship – any amount helps. Please consider a donation to send a kid to school.

Payments can be made by check, made out to *Elim Lutheran Church*. Write *Bega Kwa Bega* in the memo. Place it in the offering plate, drop it off in the office, or send it in the mail. We will be collecting for scholarships through mid-November. If you have questions, call Rick Sandager (651-402-8383). ~ Thank You!

Host a Coffee Hour—Support a Ministry

Hosting a coffee hour is a simple and welcoming way to raise funds for an Elim ministry, program, or need. Choose a date on the sign-up sheet in the office hallway.

Looking for a cause to support? Consider the Community Caring and Sharing Fund (CCS), which provides one-time emergency financial assistance to community members, or the Engquist Music Fund, which helps bring musicians to festival worship services and concerts.

Available Dates: November 1 & December 27

Events @ Gammelgården

Second-Hand Swedish Sale
October 15th, 16th, 17th @ 10:00am - 4:00pm
October 18th @ 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Scandia Adventures – Featuring Sales in the Butik
October 15th @ 10:00am - 4:00pm

Donate Items for "Trick or Treat at Gammelgården"
October 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd @ 10:00am - 4:00pm

Our Mission: To boldly glorify God.

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